Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there any roads in the Public Works Department which are not maintained at all?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then may I know why some Panchayat roads are not maintained at all? Rs. 50 lapsed last year since roads were not maintained.

President.—There are no roads vested in the Public Works Department which are not maintained. Every road is maintained.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—All the roads are maintained by the Public Works Department every year.

Cost of contract works in excess of the estimates.

66. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**— Will the Government be pleased to state whether any amount more than the estimate was sanctioned to any contract works by P. W. D. in 1102 and 1103; if so, the name of the contractor in each case and the amount so sanctioned?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A list showing the particulars is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there any special reasons to give more money than the estimated amoun for certain works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. Which is the work you want now?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In each case I want to know the reasons.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If you want to know the exact reasons for these excesses in the estimates, we must look at the deviation statement. If the Member wants it, I shall be happy to place it before the Council. I may say as a rule, in a general manner, why such increase in expenditure has occurred. The only satisfactory answer is the deviation statement. I want notice.

Grading of certain Professors in the Maharaja's College.

67. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—In *the Civil List* of Chingam 1102 Messrs. P. Sankaran Nambiyar, P. Kallukkaran and T. C. Sankara Menon occupy the last three places as 9, 10 and 11 in the fifth grade on Rs. 150—200 in the Education Department. Will the Government be pleased to state why they are placed at the top of the grade as 1, 2 and 3 without giving any promotion to those who were above them before in the same grade?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The change of order was made by the Director of Public Instruction in view of the fact that the 3 officers referred to were drawing the maximum of the grade, *viz.*, Rs. 200.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know who gives the information for the preparation of *the Civil List* of the Education Department? Is it prepared on the information supplied by the Head of the Department or does it originate in the Huzur or the Comptroller's office?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It originates in the office and is consolidated in the Director's office.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In *the Civil List* did not items 9, 10 and 11 originate in the office of the Director of Public Instruction?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—They originated in the College, I suppose.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In the College?

President.—That is the office of origin. The College put them as 9, 10 and 11.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The College prepared the list in the first instance and the same was sent to the Director's office and there the list was prepared.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In *the Civil List* corrected up to first Chingam 1102, Mr. Sankara Menon and others are put in the last three places in the fifth grade.

In the subsequent list they were put as one, two and three. In the fifth grade, according to *the Civil List* corrected up to 1st Chingam 1102, there are 11 names:—

1 Mr. T. K. Sankara Menon
2 „ K. A. Doraswami Ayyar
3 „ L. S. Subbaraya Ayyar
4 „ G. R. Narayana Ayyar
5 „ K. A. Ayyadurai Ayyar
6 His Highness Kerala Varma Thampuran
7 Mr. K. Raghupati Ayyar
8 „ C. N. Ramaswami Ayyar
9 „ P. Sankaran Nambiyar
10 „ P. Kallukkaran
11 „ T. C. Sankara Menon

When we come to the next *Civil List* we start with Sankara Menon, then comes Sankaran Nambiyar and then Kallukkaran on the top of the list without giving any promotion to those who were in the middle. I want to know whether generally promotions are not given according to the serial order in the list. I also know that subsequently Mr. Nambiyar was promoted to the 4th grade. I want to know why there was this jumping from the bottom to the top.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Member's statement that promotions are given according to the serial order in the

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Civil List is not correct. Then, as regards the change of position, the reason is given there. "The change or order was made by the Director of Public Instruction in view of the fact that the 3 officers referred to were drawing the maximum of the grade, whereas none of the others were doing that."

President.—In *the Civil List* of 1102?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The attention of the Director was drawn to that and the matter was corrected.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In the list corrected up to 1st Chingam 1102, it is put so.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Director's office prepared the list and sent it to Government and the Government sent it to the Comptroller of Accounts. The Director's office does not pretend to be infallible.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So it is a mistake of the Director's office.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The mistake was pointed out by the College and it was corrected.

Loans granted to the Public.

68. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table statistics showing the amount that has been granted by the Sirkar as loans to the people of each Taluk in the last three years and the amount that has to be repaid by them at present?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

Assignment of a paramba in Trichur.

69. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was a request from the Trichur Municipality for the use of the *paramba* and the well at the junction of the five roads at Ponganam near the Brahmin Agraharam, where the old water-pandal was situated;

(b) what were the orders of the Government in the matter;

(c) was the land subsequently assigned or leased; if so, to whom and on what conditions?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) and (b). The information called for cannot be furnished for want of definite particulars as to the month and year of requisition from the Chairman.

(c). The land was assigned in the name of Sreemathi V. K. Parukutti Nethiyaramma Avergal, on payment of a land value

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